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City Council
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-----TESTIMONY----- for Committee on Planning, Thursday **January 14, 1PM**

-----Resolution 09-364-----

Dear Chair Anderson,

The Downtown Neighborhood Board #13 held its regular meeting on January 7, 2010 and addressed the issue of Resolution 09-364, Requesting the City Administration to prepare and fund a special area plan for the Chinatown area.

The Board was supportive of the idea of an overall plan for the Chinatown area. We are a community facing many difficulties. Such a plan would aid the residents in making Chinatown a better place to live.

The Board voted to support resolution 09-364 with some minor corrections to accurately state the Board's position on River Street Housing.

The corrections are minor and are to emphasize that the Board has previously had voted to oppose the River Street Residences *in its present form and location*. In addition, the Board would like to be included as one of the groups listed in the resolution.

The Board and community look forward to continuing to work the Council.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Lavoie

Chair

Downtown Neighborhood Board

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